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ANNUAL REPORT OF M-O-H OF CULMSTOCK R.D.C. 1919

TO THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF CULMSTOCK R.D.C.

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1919.

Your area has an acreage of 20,972 and a population estimated on 1911 census of 3546, there are about 783 inhabited houses with an average number of persons per house 4.2.

Your District is mainly Agricultural.

The total number of deaths during the year was 41, 18 male & 23 female, but this number includes 8 deaths which occured outside the district and which were transferred to us for statistical purposes.

This gives a Death Rate of 15.8 per 1,000, a slightly lower rate than that for last year which was 16.6 per 1,000.

The number of deaths under 1 year was 5 giving an ~~import~~ Infant mortality-rate of 1.8 compared with 1.4 of last year.

The ages at which death occured may be tabulated as follows :-

under 1	1-5	15-25	25-45	45-65	65 & upwards	Total
5	1	2	3	7	23	41

The Classified Causes of Death are :-

Influenza	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2
Tubercular Meningitis	1
Other tubercular diseases	1
Malignant disease	4
Organic Heart disease	6
Nephritis	2
Pheumonia	4
Other respiratory diseases	1
Cirrhosis of the Liver	1
Bronchitis	3
Congenital causes	1
Other defined diseases.	14
TOTAL	41

The total number of Births during the year was 40, 22 male, &.18 female, giving a Birth-rate of 15.2 per 1,000 against 14.1 last year, a distinct improvement but still not good enough for the national requirements.

The incidence of notifiable diseases was as follows :-

Chicken Pox	1	at Hemyock	in Feb
Pheumonia	2	do	in Apr. & Holcombe Rogus in March
Pulmonary tuberculosis	5	do	& Holcombe in March, April, June & August.
Mumps	2	do	& Culmstock in May & Sept.
Measles	29	at Holcombe, Burlescombe, & Clayhidon, late June to Nov.	
Erysipelas	1	at Hemyock in July.	
~~Ostend~~ osteal tuberculosis	1	do	in August
Malaria	1	do	in September.

The Schools at Holcombe Rogus were closed on July 9th to end of Summer Holidays.

Water Supply This is still a matter of great difficulty, most of the district being supplied from wells the majority of which show evidence of dis-repair & liability to pollution.

Drainage & Sewage Disposal These on the whole are adequate to the district, more extensive works are contemplated in the more rapidly developing areas, in other cases the needs are dealt with as they arise.

Registered Midwives are in practice in Clayhidon

Culmstock &

Holcombe Rogus.

Nursing Associations The Culmstock Nursing Association came into being in October, affiliated with the Devon Association. The services of the District Nurse seem to supply a long felt want and are greatly appreciated.

Outworkers Two families in Culmstock are employed by a Taunton firm of glove & gaiter makers.

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Sirs

Your obedient servant

(Signed) S.F.Hilth. M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P.

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